States/UT Governments asking them not to book cases for violation these labeling provisions during the initial period of three months of implementation of the provisions of the said notification.

Ready to use therapeutic food

3724. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new branded food in the name 'ready to use therapeutic food' has been imported into the country by international agencies worth crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details of the importing agencies and its timing;

(c) whether this has been supplied to different States of the country;

(d) whether this was done within the ambit of national policy and approval of the Union Government; and

(e) what is the action being taken by Government to prevent such commercialization of child malnutrition and to ensure necessary regulation of international aid/assistance in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, 'Ready To Use Therapeutic Food' (RUTF), costing approximately Rs.11.5 crores, was imported by UNICEF India into the country between August 2008 and January 2009.

RUTF was supplied and used in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar to treat children with severe acute malnutrition.

(d) RUTF was used in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh without any request or approval of Government of India. Use of RUTF is not a policy of Government of India.

(e) The whole issue was examined in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs. UNICEF has been directed to discontinue the use of RUTF and ship the stocks out of the country. UNICEF has further been asked not to act on any requests received directly by them, from State Governments. Disbursal of medicines and other health and family welfare related supplies be made under the supervision of the State Health and Family Welfare authorizes with the knowledge/concurrence of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Expansion of Government hospitals in Delhi

†3725. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government hospitals in Delhi wherein various departments have been expanded during the last three years alongwith the details of total number of hospitals and the number of beds increased therein; and

(b) the details of total number of Government hospitals in Delhi for treatment of children

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and total number of beds and treatment facilities expanded for sick children in these hospitals during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) health being a State subject, such information is not centrally maintained. However, as far as Central Government Hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi and Lady Harding Medical College, New Delhi and its associated hospitals are concerned, there is well equipped Pediatrics Department in each of these hospitals having facilities such as Echo Color Doppler, Pulmonary Function Test Machine, Cardiac Defibrillator, Electronics ICU Beds, Ventilators, Multi Function Monitors, NIBP, Open Care Systems, Laminar Air Flow etc.

Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital which is associated with Lady Harding Medical College under Ministry of Health and FW is a 370 bedded Government Hospital for children which has a number of special clinics such as Child Health Promotion Clinics, Pediatric Orthopedics, Pediatric Dermatology OPD, Pediatric Ophthalmology etc. The facility for Anti-Retroviral Treatment Centre has been added in the last three year.

The expansion and upgradation of various departments including Pediatrics is a continuous dynamic process. Number of beds available in Central Government Hospitals for treatment of children is as under:

Name of Hospital	No. of Beds
LHMC and its associated hospitals	370
Dr. RML Hospital	153
Safdarjung Hospital	368

Swine flu deaths

3726. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths due to 'swine flu' in the country till date;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to prevent its further spread;

(c) the number of persons affected by this virus attack; and

(d) the remedial action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Till date there have been 574 laboratory confirmed cases of influenza A H1N1 (earlier called swine flu') with one death. (as on 04.08.09)

Government of India took a series of actions. A comprehensive plan including guidelines and standard operating procedures were put in place. Travel advisory was issued to defer non essential travel to the affected countries. Entry screening of passengers is continuing at 22 international airports and five international checkpoints. Community surveillance to detect clusters of influenza like illness is being done through Integrated Disease Surveillance Project. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi and National Institute of Virology, Pune are